

# FCSO Column



## Junior Deputy Academy

Jessica Stauffer, Intern



Dfc. Nicole Swailes teaches kids about collecting crime scene evidence

During June the fourth annual junior deputy academy was held at Middletown Park. The 180 children who attended were offered a full venue of educational and fun opportunities.



Junior deputy peers through gun port

The children learned about police aviation, police water craft and marine patrols, bicycle safety, stranger danger, police SWAT operations, evidence collection and processing techniques. They explored various police vehicles, the USMC's eight-wheeled LARVs, observed police K-9 operations, and tested their stamina with a challenging obstacle course. A new attraction for 2010 was a visit from the Park Police Helicopter, which circled the park and landed in an open field.

The academy was successful because of the many volunteers and businesses who contributed their time, money, and resources. Contributors included the towns of Middletown and Myersville, James Gang Pizzeria, Hollow Creek Golf Course, Middletown Volunteer Fire Department, South Mountain Creamery, Bravo Company 4th Marines light Armored Reconnaissance unit. Roger Rinker from Bicycle Escape and Department of Natural Resources Cpl. Russ Boback as well as many FCSO staff.



Dfc. Jeffrey Oppenshaw observes junior deputy as he makes his way through the obstacle course

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## Deputy Visits Crestwood Middle's After School Program

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In June Dfc. Kevin White visited Crestwood Middle School's Boys and Girls After School Program where he spoke to numerous seventh and eighth graders. He shared with them the duties of a police officer and let them ask questions about the many law enforcement tools he wears on his belt. He also covered topics that most likely kids are faced with everyday; respect, peer pressure, sex, drugs and stranger danger. From the smiles on the kids faces, it's evident they enjoyed meeting him.



Dfc. Kevin White with kids from Crestwood Middle School's After School Program



Intern Jessica Stauffer observes kids hard at work at the Junior Deputy Academy

Growing up in Frederick County the full extent of my knowledge about the Frederick County Sheriff's Office was that there were community and school resource deputies in Middletown. I often saw deputies patrolling the area or talking to students, but I never truly realized the full positive impact deputies and the sheriff's office have on Frederick County.

During my internship I have gained a much greater appreciation for our Sheriff's Office. I was fortunate to cover the Junior Deputy Academy in Middletown and was impressed by the dedicated deputies and volunteers who spent the day educating and interacting

## Intern Learns the Ropes

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with the children. Another eye opener for me was shadowing Emergency Communications and Crime Analysis. I never realized how much work and dedication goes into both jobs. I grew up listening to fire and rescue scanners so it's been a lot of fun being on the other side of the scanner. I also did a ride along with Dfc. Chad Atkins. What I thought would be a few hours patrolling the streets very quickly turned into a traffic stop and vehicle search. What a thrill that was!

I've been able to put my classroom training to work by writing press releases and articles and even had the opportunity to do a public service announcement on WFRE/WFMD. I've had great networking experiences and now know many key figures in the community as well as many media representatives and public information officers that hopefully I will work with in the future. For now, my focus is completing my senior year at Hood College and receiving my Bachelors degree in Communications.

## Corrections Bureau Graduation

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On Wednesday June 9, 2010, the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center was proud to hold graduation festivities for the 33<sup>rd</sup> class of the Frederick County Criminal Justice Training Academy. Six graduates attended the 10-week academy, which included a variety of training; defensive tactics, OC, riot control, and inmate transportation and escort. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard was on hand to present the flags as Angela Spencer from the Frederick County Adult Detention Center sang the National Anthem.

Graduates who will be working in Frederick County: Christopher Davis, 38 years old from Mt. Airy, Md, William Fleegle, 36 years old from Flintstone, Md who also received an award for Academic Excellence, Nita Hyser, 46 years old from Frederick, Md, Mark Orndorff, 38 years old from Smithsburg, Md, Timothy Strickland, 42 years old from Wolfsville, Md, who also received the Physical Training Award for Outstanding Physical Fitness & Staff Award. The Carroll County graduate is Kris Buchman, 27 years old from Westminster, Md.

The guest speaker was Warden Bobby P. Shearin, from North Branch Correctional Institute in Cumberland, Maryland. Shearin commended the graduates for choosing such an honorable profession and focused on the importance of ethics throughout his speech. He reminded these new officers that if they questioned something than the best solution is to not do it. He encouraged them to always leave their problems at the door when entering their correctional facilities and to work together as a team. Shearin spoke about fairness and consistency and ended the speech by reminding graduates to always go home and talk things out with their families. Numerous family members attended the graduation and enjoyed light refreshments with their graduate following the ceremony.



Graduate Nita Hyser



Graduate Timothy Strickland



33rd Graduating Class





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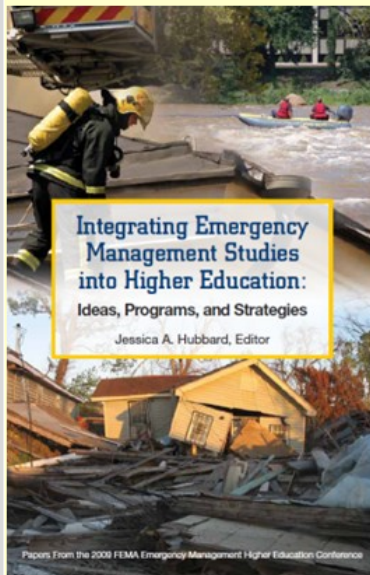
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## School Resource Unit Making a Difference

In May, Cpl. Jody Maybush received an award from the Frederick County Career and Technology Center (CTC) during their annual awards ceremony. At the beginning of last school year, the instructor for the CTC criminal justice program was out for an extended period of time due to an illness. CTC was unable to find a qualified instructor to substitute. The SROs led by Cpl. Maybush provided instruction to students for several weeks during their instructor's absence. The students and staff of the CTC were so appreciative of the efforts of Cpl. Maybush and the SROs that they chose to recognize him and the SRO unit at their annual awards banquet.



In June, the Public Entity Risk Institute published a new edited book with a Chapter co-authored by Sgt. Mark Landahl. The book, *Integrating Emergency Management Studies into Higher Education: Ideas, Programs, and Strategies*, contains the chapter **Beyond the Plan: Individual Responder and Family Preparedness in the Resilient Organization** written by Sgt. Landahl and Cynthia Cox. The chapter summarizes research they conducted that has been presented at several conferences across the country during the last year. Sgt. Landahl and Cynthia Cox serve together as Professors of Homeland Security and Emergency Management at University of Maryland University College.

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Secret Service honored the Frederick County Sheriff's Office by presenting them with an appreciation plaque for their assistance with cases and transportation of the president.

